

Introduction to the Monthly Deemed Notice

What Is the Purpose of This Notice?

The purpose of the notice is to make people who automatically qualify for extra help paying for prescription drugs aware that Medicare prescription drug coverage is available to them, and to let them know that they will get extra help without needing to apply for it.

Who Gets This Notice?

Medicare mails the notice on purple paper to people who have Medicare and Medicaid, in Medicare Savings Programs (MSP), and who get Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. These individuals don't have to apply to get the extra help, but will get it automatically.

When Do People Get This Notice?

People will get this notice in the month following the month that Medicare is informed of the person's SSI, MSP, or Medicaid eligibility.

What Should People Do Next?

People who get this notice have the opportunity to join a Medicare drug plan in their area. If they don't join a plan on their own, Medicare will enroll them in a plan to make sure they get Medicare prescription drug coverage and extra help paying for it. If people have questions about the information in the notice, direct them to do the following:

- Read their "Medicare & You" handbook for more information about choosing and enrolling in a Medicare drug plan.
- Visit www.medicare.gov on the web.
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.
- Contact their State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) for free personalized health insurance counseling. See the "Medicare & You" handbook or call 1-800-MEDICARE for the telephone number in their state.

People can reference CMS Publication No. 11166 if they call Medicare or a SHIP with questions.



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<BENEFICIARY FULL NAME>
<ADDRESS>
<CITY STATE ZIP>

HICN <1234>
<file creation date>

Please keep this notice for your records. You are getting this notice because you automatically qualify for extra help paying your Medicare drug plan costs.

What does automatically qualifying for extra help mean?

You get extra help and don't need to apply for it. If you applied, your application won't be processed because we already know you qualify for extra help. Getting extra help means you will pay no more than <gen_amt> for a generic drug and no more than <brd_amt> for a brand-name drug in a Medicare drug plan in 2008. These amounts may increase each year. You qualify for this help beginning <effective date> at least until December 31, <year>.

Note: You can only get extra help if you live in one of the 50 states or DC.

Be sure to bring this purple letter with you when go to get a prescription filled, so the pharmacist knows you qualify for extra help.

What if I'm not in a Medicare drug plan?

Medicare will enroll you in a plan to make sure you get help paying for prescription drug coverage. Medicare will send you a yellow or green letter telling you what plan it will enroll you into. If you want to join a different plan from the one in Medicare's letter, call the new plan and find out how to join. If you don't want to be in any Medicare drug plan, you can decline the coverage by either calling 1-800-MEDICARE or the plan Medicare will enroll you in. Tell them you don't want to be enrolled. **Caution:** If you decline, you won't get Medicare prescription drug coverage or extra help paying your drug costs.

What if I'm in a Medicare drug plan?

If you (or anyone on your behalf) have filled prescriptions since <effective date>, you may be able to get back some of these costs. Call your plan for more information.

What if I have questions?

You may have questions about Medicare prescription drug coverage or the information in this notice. If so, read your "Medicare & You" handbook, visit www.medicare.gov on the web, or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048. You can also call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) for free health insurance counseling. See your "Medicare & You" handbook or call 1-800-MEDICARE for their telephone number.

Para obtener información en español, llame GRATIS al 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). Los usuarios con teléfono de texto (TTY) deben llamar al 1-877-486-2048.